

CLAIMS

1. Automatic machine (10) for dispensing photographic products and the like, comprising a container (11) inside which there is at least a magazine constituted by one or more hive-shaped containers (12), each of said hive-shaped containers comprising a plurality of seats (13), a system for moving and handling (21, 22) the products which are housed within said seats (13) controlled by an electronic control logics, a data inputting (15) and displaying (14) device placed on the front part of said container, a device (17) for delivering outwards the products which have been withdrawn from said seats (13), as well as a cashing device (18), characterised in that it further comprises a device (16) for collecting at least a roll of film to be developed, as well as a device (17) suitable for delivering a coded carrier to the user, in particular a magnetic or microchip card or a card provided of bar codes, whereby a code to be associated to the roll to be introduced within said dispensing machine (10) is bound to said carrier.
2. Dispensing machine (10) according to claim 1, characterised in that it further comprises a device for reading and storing data which are associated to the user, in particular a magnetic or microchip card reader, or a biometric sensor.
3. Dispensing machine (10) according to anyone of the preceding claims, characterised in that it further comprises a second dispenser (20) for selling

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products, e.g. new rolls of film, disposable cameras, batteries, whose operation is controlled by the electronic control logics of said dispensing machine (10).

- u 5 4. Dispensing machine (10) according to ~~anyone of the preceding claims~~, characterised in that it further comprises a device for verifying and validating the roll provided with a code that is introduced within said dispensing machine (10). *claim 1* ✓

- a 10 5. Dispensing machine (10) according to ~~anyone of the preceding claims~~, characterised in that it comprises a series of boxes suitable for containing printed photographs, each box being placed inside of a predetermined seat (13). *claim 1* ✓

- 2 15 6. Dispensing machine (10) according to ~~anyone of the preceding claims~~, characterised in that it comprises memory means for storing the spatial position and the state, either empty or full, of each seat (13), as well as means for associating the code carried by said coded carrier to a given box containing printed photographs. *claim 1* ✓

- a 25 7. Dispensing machine (10) according to ~~anyone of the preceding claims~~, characterised in that it further comprises means for transmitting to a remote location the data relative to the rolls of film to be developed introduced within the dispensing machine. *claim 1* ✓

- a 30 8. Dispensing machine (10) according to ~~anyone of the preceding claims~~, characterised in that it further comprises means for receiving from a remote location and for storing the data relative to the position of

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the printed photographs inside of the hive-shaped containers (12), as well as to the amounts to be paid for the rendered services. *claim 1*

- 5 9. Dispensing machine (10) according to ~~anyone of the preceding claims~~, characterised in that said magazine is fixed inside of said container (11), and in that said moving and handling system (21, 22) comprises a device that is movable along three mutually perpendicular axes (X, Y, Z).
- 10 10. Dispensing machine (10) according to ~~anyone of claims 1 to 7~~, *claim 1* characterised in that said magazine is constituted by a drum rotating about a vertical axis, whereby the side surface of said drum is provided with said seats (13), said moving and
- 15 handling device (21, 22) being movable along two (Y, Z) mutually perpendicular axes.

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